

#2A Pre. Amt.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: unknown

TAKAHASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2872

Cont. of Appln. No.: 09/570,652

Examiner: Shafer

Filed: May 12, 2000

Filed: January 8, 2002

Title: PRISM OPTICAL ELEMENT IMAGE OBSERVATION APPARATUS, AND IMAGE
DISPLAY

January 8, 2002

* * * * *

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1 insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/570,652, filed May 12, 2000, which was a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 08/867,779, filed June 3, 1997, (now abandoned), the specifications of which are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Page 1, line 6, replace the first two paragraphs with the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a prism optical element, an image observation apparatus and an image display apparatus. More particularly, the present invention relates to